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## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 31, 2000

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Sir:

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date below:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of one month to and including November 30, 2000 in which to respond to the Office Action dated July 31, 2000.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed for a one month extension of time. Should the check be insufficient or omitted, or should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this document, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the fee from Baker Botts, L.L.P. Deposit Account 02-0383.

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